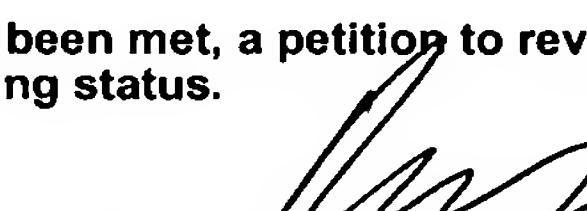


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 01-2003)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 129203
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/590,444
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/CH2004/000724	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 8, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 24, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE FOR HOLDING THE HEAD OF A TOOTHBRUSH		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Reto STRAHLER		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). c. <input type="checkbox"/> The International Application was filed in English. </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Response to Notification of Missing Requirements</p>		

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21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY		
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)): \$ 300.00		\$		
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.492(b)(1)-(3)):		\$		
International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national phase \$ 0.00				
International search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO as ISA \$ 100.00				
International search report provided to USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid \$ 400.00				
All situations not provided for above \$ 500.00				
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.492(c)(1)-(2)):		\$		
International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national phase \$ 0.00				
All situations not provided for above \$ 200.00				
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the search fee, the examination fee or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national phase (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		\$		
APPLICATION SIZE FEE Total pages - 100 =	÷ 50	= +	× 250 =	\$
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	- 20	=	× 50.00 =	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	- 3	=	× 200.00 =	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)(if applicable)			+ 360.00 =	\$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½ .				\$
SUBTOTAL =				\$
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$
04/11/2007 LLANDGRA 00000015 10590444 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$
01 FD:1617 130.00 OP				Amount to be refunded: \$ charged: \$
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Check No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.				
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.				
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC Customer Number: 25944				
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Date <u>April 9, 2007</u> NAME: Randi B. Isaacs REGISTRATION NUMBER: 56,046				

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Reto STRAHLER

Application No.: 10/590,444

Attn: **Mail Stop PCT**

Docket No.: 129203

Filed: August 24, 2006

For: **DEVICE FOR HOLDING THE HEAD OF A TOOTHBRUSH**

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/
ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) WITH DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on March 14, 2007, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventor and a Power of Attorney. Any necessary Designation of Attorneys for Power of Attorney or Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is also attached. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 191392 for \$130.00 for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(h).

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/24/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/24/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/24/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/24/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/13/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/24/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/24/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 08/24/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit their reply to this notice via EFS-Web.
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